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Dear Sir:

The Examiner's communication dated July 12, 2006 has been received and carefully reviewed. In conformance with the applicable statutory requirements, Applicants submit that the present paper constitutes a complete reply thereto. It includes the following sections as indicated below, with each section beginning on a separate sheet:

Amendments to the Claims are provided in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | | |
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| | Claims remaining after amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | No. of Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Rate | |
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| ⊠ | No additional fee is believed due however, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. | | | | | | |
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| | Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. | | | | | | |

Respectfully submitted,

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